

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY  
GENERAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2007 – 7:00 PM  
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

**PRESIDENT** Michael Kartusch x  
**VICE PRESIDENT** Troy Rider x  
**PAST PRESIDENT** Shelley Bolze a  
**TREASURER** Sherri Straub x  
**REGISTRAR** Lin Luymes x  
**SECRETARY** Susan Sargeant x  
**BOOKKEEPER** Lori McCrea xl  
**EQUIPMENT MANAGER** Sheldon Kuhn xe  
Kevin Frank x  
**TOURNAMENT CHAIR** Deb Salmon x  
**ICE CONVENER** Tom/ Diane Fisher x  
**CONCESSION CONVENER** OPEN  
**SPONSORSHIP** Shawn Leggett x  
**FUNDRAISING** Lin Luymes x

**COACH MENTOR** Barry Mackenzie a  
**GAME AND CONDUCT** Chad Kanngiesser x  
**REFEREE IN CHIEF** Rick Plante x  
**LOWER ASSIGNER** Tyler Boruck a  
**UPPER ASSIGNER** OPEN  
**INITIATION** Mark Beierbach a  
**NOVICE** Darin Gill x  
**ATOM** Bruce Willetts x  
Debbie Barron a  
**PEEWEE** Gord McLennan xl  
**BANTAM** Lisa Otto xe  
**MIDGET** Larry Riep a  
**FEMALE** Sandi Gouchie a

x - present    a - absent  
e - left early    l - came late

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Others in attendance were Shawne Kachnic, Ron Atsinger, Iver Bernatsky, Sam Atsinger, Gwen and Dave Jacobs, Herb Woltjer, Darcy Arnold.

1. **WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Michael welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. **Deb Salmon moved that the minutes from the past General meeting be approved as presented. Shawn Leggett seconded. Carried.**
  
2. **PRESIDENT REPORT – Michael Kartusch**
  - **Website** The website has been updated in the last few days. Bylaws, updated Handbook and Game and Conduct management book are all on here. Look in the policies and procedures page on the site  
Microsites have been created. User names and passwords have been sent to the directors. RAMP has a new version coming out. Mick requested having an equipment swap section on the site. Details have to be ironed out. If there is anything else anyone can think of that could go on the site, please talk to Mick.
  - **Hockey Alberta: Appropriate line of communication** It was stressed at the Meeting, that there be one single source of contact between Hockey Alberta (Zone 4) and LMHA. Don't bypass the President and the Executive. If there is something that needs to be addressed, send it to the president instead of going directly to Deb Northcott. This helps to simplify things and keep the appropriate people in the loop.
  - **Boundary Issue (LMHA & BMHA)** After our Zone 4 meeting, neighbouring associations gathered to discuss the Bentley situation. Essentially they had folded their association a few years ago, and now want to re-invent themselves. With our current boundary, we do have some kids that are affected by this rebuilding process. This does not affect families that had kids playing here in Lacombe prior to the establishment of boundaries. For those families that started here after the establishment of boundaries, they are considered to be Bentley. The only way they can play here is as an import once they reach Bantam/Midget, which means they

have to make the top team. Bentley has registered teams for Initiation, Novice/Atom combined team to play in the Red Deer Rec League, Peewee/Bantam combined team to play in the Red Deer Rec League and Midget boys. The Executive's goal is to modify the current boundary to match that of the school division boundary. Both associations have to be in agreement of the boundary changes for it to work.

At first Bentley was on board, but their executive has since changed their minds. Mick is not satisfied and is looking for a fair and reasonable solution. Hopefully something this week.

- **Reveal Connections** For those that are unaware, our Executive signed on with Reveal Connections (based out of Olds) in a fundraising capacity. They contacted LMH in the summer and asked if LMH would be interested. Our website will be displaying a rotating list of local businesses who have signed on with the Reveal network. This is currently in our Sponsorship page, but want to get out to the other pages as well. The cost to LMH is about \$500, and LMH will receive 30% profit. This is seen as a Win-Win situation. Fundraising for the sports association, Internet presence and recognition for the businesses and a network of good businesses that you can rely upon for all your needs.
- **Concession** Staffing is a serious concern at this point. Carol is back and Vanessa back in a part time capacity. We are short one shift supervisor and we might have to cut back the hours the concession is open. Mick is to discuss this at the Managers meeting to get the word out to parents that they can work in the concession. This will still be a challenge until a new supervisor is hired.
- **Pictures** Last year LMH had two local photographers express interest in taking care of our pictures. We ended up going with Cheryl Law last season. As of today LMH has decided to give the other photographer Jodi Getz the opportunity this year. We feel this is a fair opportunity for both parties. Families are to pay all fees for pictures. Info will be passed out.
- **Upcoming Meetings** There will be a Coaches Meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 pm. Directors were to give a heads up to their coaches.
  - There is a North Central Coach/Manager meeting on Wednesday Oct 17 at 7:00 pm in Red Deer at the Livingstones Church. All teams need a manager and coach to attend.
  - A separate managers' meeting will be arranged in the next two weeks as well. We will have packages to hand out. Everyone will have it as a reference. Hopefully to clarify some things at the beginning of the season as to not have issues at the end. Troy reminded that for the North Central meeting there are different meeting times for divisions, 7:00 for Atom and Peewee, 8:00 for Bantam and Midget.
- **Team Reps** They should try to attend all operating committee meetings. They are a lifeline between the board and your parents. We are really going to push for attendance from all parties this year. It is quite important for them to attend.

### 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**TREASURER** – Sherri Straub Sherri and Lori presented the financial statement.

- Deb Salmon questioned why the concession made more money last season. She asked if it was due to price increases, Hockey Camp sales or just more sold. Sherri answered that there was a raise in some prices, not much was made from the Camp, we just sold more food in the concession.

- Mick said it was a big help this last season, when during a tournament, parents lent a hand in the concession. Sherri said it has to be done this season as well. People working during their child's tournament are all volunteers, there will be no pay.

- Also questioned was a \$20000 difference in donations from 2006 to 2007. The money is included in the donations and was spent on the Outdoor Rink.

**Sherri moved that the 2006 - 2007 Financial Statement be approved as presented. Gord McLennan seconded the motion. 0 opposed. Carried.**

We have also received a bill from Delburne charging LMH for dressing room cleanup. It is thought it was a Midget Tier 3 team but there is no proof. Lori asked if this is to be paid. Mick said LMH would pay the bill. Mick also said Calvin had talked to him about players and "chew". Teams using and leaving a mess would be charged for dressing room cleanup.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes Lin reported that there are 324 players registered in LMH. There are teams in these divisions: 2 Initiation, 4 Novice, 4 Atom, 3 Peewee, 3 Bantam, 3 Midget, 2 teams in Female 1 Bantam 1 Midget. There is no Peewee Female this year.

- With registration being done online this year there is less paperwork in some regards, and more paperwork in some regards.

- Some glitches are being worked out. Information previously missed is now being "caught", leaving some players and/or coaches unable to be on the bench. If paperwork is not filled out correctly or is incomplete, players and coaches are not considered registered with Hockey Alberta. When all information is received correctly and records have been received they will be added so these players can play.

- There is no signing of card this season. It is all done online.

- Each team can have 5 officials carded for free. There is a \$25 fee for each additional person added to the team staff.

- Lisa asked about LMH players helping out with other teams. Do they need full gear while they are helping? Mick said they should be in full gear. It does not make sense to be insured if not in full gear.

- 1 Midget team is fully registered, 2 Bantams done, and both females. Lin is waiting for all other teams to get all correct info in so all teams can be registered properly. There is probably 10 kids "sitting in wait". As soon as info comes through, we will get you going.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER – Sheldon Kuhn/Kevin Frank Sheldon reported that LMH is short 1 sponsor for a Bantam team. The cost to sponsor is \$500 per team.

- Keys will be handed out to coaches. They are asked to go through their lockers and check them out to be sure they have everything.

- A \$500 deposit cheque will be needed from coaches for their keys. Postdated for April 08. Sheldon would like all this done ASAP.

COACH MENTOR – Barry Mackenzie absent Mick said it will be Barry's job to run the Coach meeting tomorrow night.

SPONSORSHIP – Shawn Leggett Shawn reported that 2 more sponsors are needed. Discussion on whether it is 1 or 2. He has also sold six advertising boards for the ODR. Mick will get a list of Team Sponsors out. The costs to sponsor is \$500 for team sponsor or \$200 for a tournament sponsor.

CONCESSION – STILL OPEN Mick reported that it has been discussed in the past, that Carol might take on the role of Concession Convener. Troy said Carol would have no problem making a discussion list to be sent to the executive meetings, as she would not like to attend. Discussion followed. LMH still needs a concession convener.

- Mick read a letter received from Carol stating that she was glad to be back. Carol felt she had no need for an oven, but monies could go towards a cash register for the back window instead. She said our concession prices were fair and we were on par with other concessions. There is no assistant supervisor hired yet, which may cause problems with

the open hours of the concession. 3 students have been hired and Vanessa will work some weekends.

- Deb Salmon asked for a job description for the convener. The convener is a liaison position to bring back information to the board. She said she could possibly find someone to take the job.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Chad Kanngesser Chad has got information together for a manual of policies to follow when conflict arises. Copies will be distributed to the team managers. It will also be on the web for everyone to read. Hopefully this will help to avoid miscommunication. If an incident occurs it should be documented in writing.

ICE CONVENER – Tom Fisher The practice schedule has been made. Tom thanked Troy and Mick for trying to secure ice in Clive. Any concerns with ice scheduling directed to Nick Taylor are to go through Tom. Do not contact Nick directly. Unused ice issue will be brought up and discussed at the Coach and Manager meeting. Unused ice will be tracked back to teams and they will be responsible for payment. Directors have received ice times for their divisions to be split up equally amongst the teams.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Rick Plante Rick reported that there were 30 participants that attended the ref clinic. There was an equal split between Level I and Level II. 6 more refs are to attend a clinic in Blackfalds.

- There are 12 junior refs which will be good. But with only 10 adult refs we will be short and scrambling. Rick would like to attend the coaches meeting with info.

- He would like to introduce a Shadowing/Mentoring program this season. In Initiation, Novice and Atom games one senior official will be on the ice to help younger refs. This will be done with consent from both teams. We are trying to make it a positive experience for all. Mick said this sounds like a good initiative to try and maintain numbers.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Deb Salmon Deb said the Peewees have had 2 planning meetings already for their tournament and are ready to roll. She hasn't heard any feedback about the change of tournament dates.

FUNDRAISER – Sherri Straub/Lin Luymes Are still waiting on the Cash Lottery approval. Lin will need team lists to pass out tickets as soon as we receive them. There will be a shorter time span for people to sell their tickets.

#### **4. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

BANTAM – Lisa Otto We had three teams to organize. Got it all done. Imports and paperwork was interesting. All is going well. Have coaches for all teams. Some parents felt that some kids needed more than one warm up skate and tryouts for Bantams did not need to be slowed down because of Bantam AAA tryouts in other towns. Receiving lots of calls for our tournament.

INITIATION – Mark Beierbach absent Troy reported that all the teams are picked. Had a meeting last night to schedule games.

NOVICE – Darin Gill All teams are picked and coaches in place. He will get all required info into Lin soon so all players can play. Good to go. Mick suggested mentioning concession hours to all parents so they had the info.

ATOM – Bruce Willetts/Debbie Barron Bruce reported that all teams are picked. Two of the teams have already had their parent meetings. Will get started on tournament planning soon. Has had about 50 teams interested in attending our tourney. Deb Salmon asked if emails could be added to the contact lists on the web as well as phone numbers. It might be easier to contact people. Mick said there has been some feedback about email addresses for contacts on the Hockey Alberta website as well.

PEEWEE – Gord McLennan Gord said all three teams have been settled. Have had two planning meetings for their tournament.

MIDGET – Larry Riep absent Mick reported for Larry. There will be three small teams this year. LMH had approached Clive to come on board and have their players come to play in town. After several meetings, discussions and emails of trying to bring the players over, Clive did not give a firm commitment so we have gone ahead without them. There will be 14-15 skaters per team and we will go with what we have.

FEMALE – Sandi Gouchie absent Mick reported that there will not be a Female Peewee team this season because of a lack in numbers. The Bantams have absorbed 3 or 4 Peewee players onto their team. Doesn't know where others are. Midgets have always had good numbers and should have a good team again this year.

- 5. NEW BUSINESS** Mick will be stepping down as President as he and his family are moving to the Red Deer area. He will step into position of Past President. LMH will need people to fill the positions of President and Vice President. Discussion.

Tom Fisher nominated Troy Rider for President. (name stands) No other nominations were put forth.

**Tom Fisher moved that Lacombe Minor Hockey accept Troy Rider as President for the 2007 – 2008 hockey season. Deb Salmon seconded. 0 opposed. Carried.**

Tom Fisher nominated Gord McLennan for Vice President (name stands)  
Gord McLennan nominated Tom Fisher for Vice President (declined)

**Tom Fisher moved that Lacombe Minor Hockey accept Gord McLennan as Vice President for the 2007-2008 hockey season. Deb Salmon seconded. 0 opposed. Carried.**

- 6. NEXT MEETING** The next executive meeting is tentatively set for November 22 at 7:00pm in the arena upper lobby.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT** Mick adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.